THE JURISDICTIONAL CELEBRATION FOR

Elder James Larry, Jr.

Sunrise:
November 30, 1935

Sunset:
July 23, 2017

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
(Ephesians 6:10 KJV)

THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
ORGANIZED 1897
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017
11:00 AM

The Bishop Nathaniel Bullock - Celebrant
PRELATE CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Greater McGlothen Memorial Temple
550 BLACK DIAMOND STREET
PITTSBURG, CA 94565
SUPERINTENDENT TRAVIS HERRON

Obituary of Elder James Larry, Jr.

Elder James Larry Jr. was called from labor to rest Sunday, July 23 2017, in his home surrounded by his family and loved ones. He was born November 30th 1935, in Jackson, Mississippi to James and Mary Larry. He grew up in Jackson and graduated from Jim Hill High School, where he was an all-star football and basketball player.

On February 1, 1955, James Jr. married his high school sweetheart, Bettie McKinnie. Six children were born to this union.

In 1964, James Jr. moved his family to Pittsburg, CA joining his mother-in-law, and father-in-law. He began working with Sears as an auto mechanic in Oakland, CA. He later transferred to Sears in Pleasant Hill where he excelled. He received several territorial awards which was the highest award given to employees. He retired after 34 years.

His son James (Chuck) invited him to a Revival and he reluctantly obliged, not knowing what was awaiting!!! There he had his first encounter with THE LORD! He was never the same! He gave his heart to the Lord and was later filled with the Holy Spirit.

He joined Christ is the Answer C.O.G.I.C under the leadership of Pastor Eugene Reynolds. He served faithfully until he answered the call to Pastor.

In late November 1987, Elder James Larry Jr. established Alpha & Omega Church of God in Christ at 266 Diane Avenue in Pittsburg, CA. At the time, Diane Avenue was viewed as another "skid row," and those who frequented the area were not at all pleased to have a Pentecostal Holiness Church in the middle of their turf. Pastor Larry was sure he would be faced with some extreme challenges on Diane Avenue, just to keep the Church's doors open; however, he was sure of his vision from God, and he knew that God's ways were not man's ways. With little more than 25 founding members who knelt on cement floors, sat in folding chairs, and who made a joyful noise on a few tambourines and a far-less-than-new piano, Alpha & Omega Church was born.

Since the opening of its doors, Pastor Larry and Alpha & Omega has always taken very seriously its mission of community outreach service and support. Therefore, in addition to welcoming the entire community to Sunday worship services, week-day prayer, and mid-week Bible study, the Church hosts a variety of programs to address the community's physical as well as spiritual needs. For example, clothing giveaways, a brown bag program, annual Easter egg hunt, and special outreach efforts that include feeding the sick and shut-in.

He was a wonderful Pastor, loving husband, father and friend to many. He loved going to church, listening to the Jackson Southernaires and spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memories and carry on his legacy is his devoted wife Bettie of 62 years; Daughters: Debra, Joyce Faye (Tony) and Sheryl Renee; Sons: Daryl (Debra) James III and Walter Kevin (Maxine); Brothers: George of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bennie (Jackie) Daniel and Ernest (Varria Louise) of Jackson Mississippi; Sisters: Betty, Maxine (Franklin) and Mary Lillian; 17 Grandchildren; 23 Great-Grandchildren; a long-time and devoted friend, Julio Pina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pastor James Larry was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws and older brother, Johnny Bell.

Official Homegoing Celebration

For Elder James Larry, Jr.

Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 11:00 am

Bishop N. A. Bullock, Eulogist

California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

(Viewing: 9:30—10:30)

Musical Prelude ..... The Organist

Processional

Clergy and Family

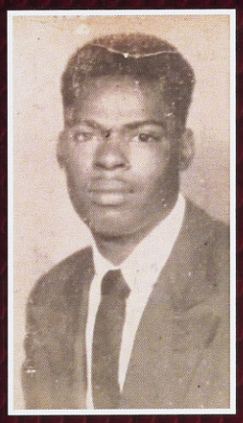
The Sealing of the Bier

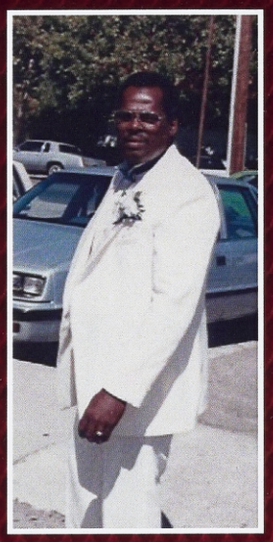
The Call to Worship—Emcee ..... Administrative Assistant G. E. Harris
Musical Selection ..... Pittsburg-Vallejo District Choir
Invocation ..... Pastor William Knight
Old Testament ..... Pastor Matthew Runnels
New Testament ..... Pastor James C. Mannings, II

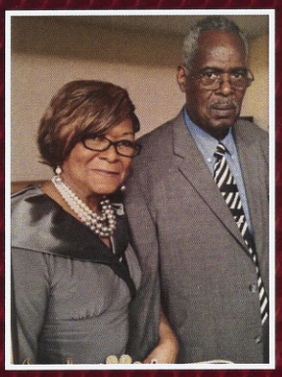
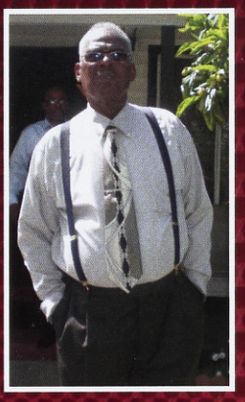
~DISTRICT AND JURISDICTIONAL EXPRESSIONS~

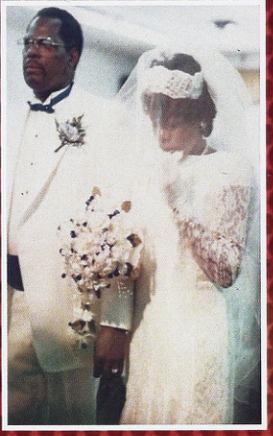
Supervisor of Women ..... Mother Roshonda McDonald
Pastors & Elders Council ..... Superintendent Eugene Reynolds
Board of Superintendents ..... Administrative Assistant Samuel Bobo
Executive Board ..... Superintendent Bennie Toliver
Obituary ..... Read Silently
Musical Selection ..... Pittsburg-Vallejo District Choir
Family Spokesperson ..... Elder D. G. Larry
Cards & Condolences ..... Mother Gwen Runnels
Resolutions ..... Administrative Assistant John Jackson
Sermonic Solo ..... Dr. M.T. Thompson
Introduction of Speaker ..... Administrative Assistant G.E. Harris
"Proclamation of Hope" ..... Bishop Nathaniel Bullock
Jurisdictional Prelate of California Northwest

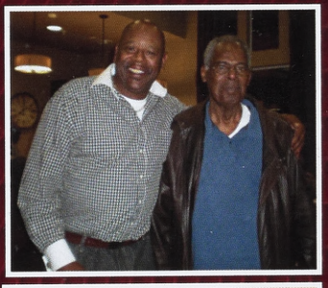
Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

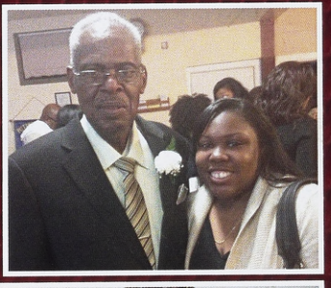


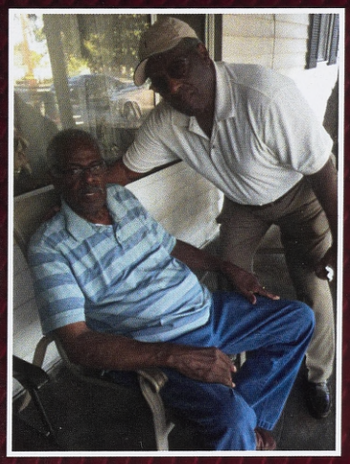


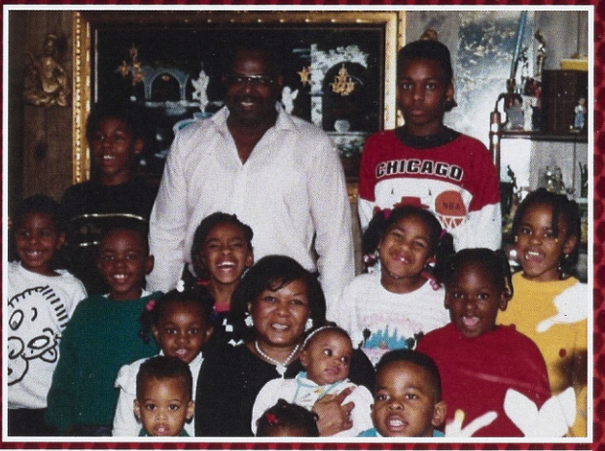













I LOVE
TO
SEE MY
PEOPLE
DOING
GOOD

Active Pallbearers

Elder Trevor Hamlin
Bro. Gregory Sharp
Minister David Clark
Deacon Ralph Cones
Elder Fred Slaughter
Bro. Julio Pina

Honorary Pallbearers

Minister Walter Larry
Elder Daryl Larry
Bro. James Larry III
Bro. George Larry
Bro. Bennie Larry
Bro. Ernest Larry
Bro. Daniel Larry
Minister Tony Myers
Deacon Jimmie Nelson
Minister Addington Williams

Interment

Memory Gardens Cemetery
2011 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, CA 94520

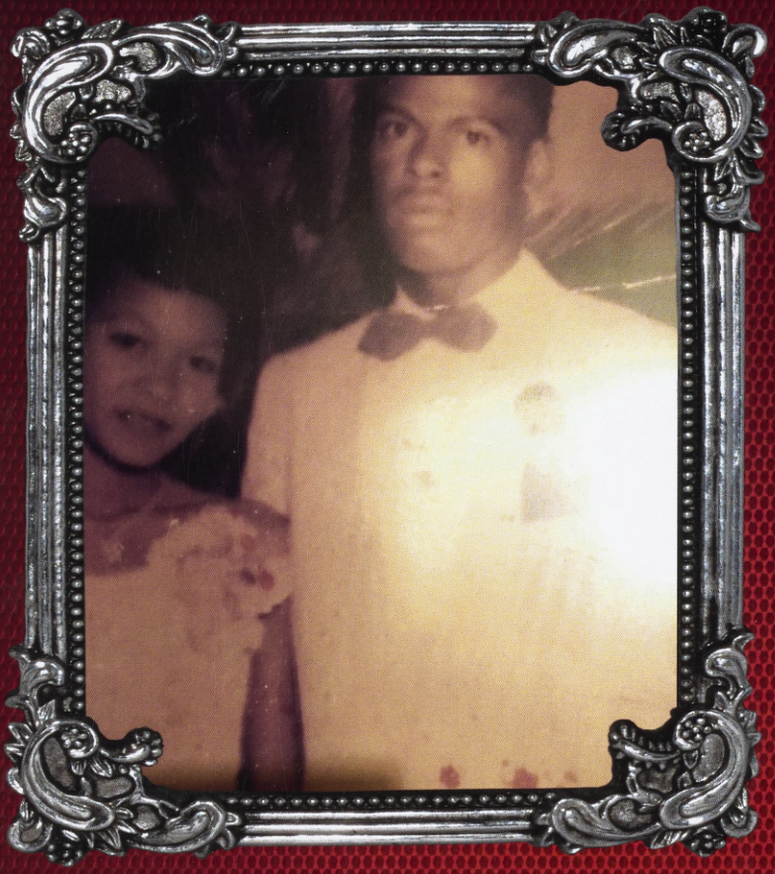
Repast

Buchanan Park Community Center
4150 Harbor Street
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Acknowledgment

We deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy in out time of great sorrow. We know our pain will decrease and what will remain will always be. Love all whom you hold dear. Precious is the time you share. Do not wait for tomorrow. For tomorrow may not be...Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

The Family



DON'T CRY FOR ME

Don't sit there and cry for me,
I'm resting in peace can't you see?
I've already run my race,
Now I want to see my Savior's face.
So dry your eyes and stop your crying,
Don't worry about my dying.
This is a debt we all must pay,
We all must sleep right on away.
Don't cry for me, please be strong.
You'll be sad but not for long.
I want you to make preparation every day,
Then you'll be ready to come my way.
I was with you for many years,
We had our doubts we had our fears,
But I've grown tired and I need to rest,
You know that God only wants the best.
Just look upon me with a smile,
Thank God that I was with you for a while.
I'll be waiting in Heaven somewhere
Come on up, I'll be waiting for you there.

Until We Meet Again...

Final arrangements for Elder James Larry, Jr. were conducted with dignity and distinction by:

Dan Scales at Alta Vista Cremation & Funeral Services
Dan Scales, Funeral Director—FD #274
107 W. 8th Street—Pittsburg, CA 94565—(925) 439-5922

Creative Memorials by Charlene—(925) 529-0575